

**OLD BLACKSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL (OBMS)
TRANSITION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2008**

Present

Blacksburg

Councilman Paul Lancaster
Assistant to the Town Manager Chris Lawrence
Citizen Member Kathryn Albright

Montgomery County

BoS Member Gary Creed

Absent

County Administrator Clay Goodman
Citizen Member Gary McCoy
Town Manager Marc Verniel

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes of April 2, 2008

The acceptance of the Minutes of April 2, 2008 were deferred to the next meeting to allow committee members more time for review.

Update on OBMS Competition

Donna Dunay, Virginia Tech Architecture Professor, provided the following update on the Competition Organization Schedule:

Stage 1 (August-December 2008)

August 5 10	Formal competition announcement/web-mail post cards
August 20	Registration opens
September 15	Receipt of questions
September 20	Answers posted
December 1	Receipt of entries/printing
December 8	Exhibition installation – morning Jury arrival afternoon/orientation
December 9	Jury deliberation begins/ Dinner meeting with OBMS Transition Committee
December 10	Stage One Finalists announced/morning
December 10	Exhibition open to public through December 12 6 PM Public comment Exhibition take down 6PM – 12PM

Stage 2 (January – May 09)

January	Jury announcement posted
January 15	Five Stage 2 projects present qualifications
February	Stage 2 Project teams receive public comment
May 1	Jury deliberation of five stage 2 projects with OBMS Transition Committee Public announcement

Ms. Dunay reported that Tripp Muldrow, Arnett Muldrow and Associates, was the moderator for the public meeting that was held on May 14, 2008 to get public input on the design competition. Input from the meeting will be compiled and forwarded to the OBMS Transition Committee for review and then placed on the County's web site.

Ms. Dunay then addressed the Competition Organization Schedule. The Town of Blacksburg will serve as administrator for the competition, will receive all correspondence related to the competition, and host a web site. She pointed out that if the announcements/post cards and registration did not open in August 2008 she would recommend that the competition be put on hold until next spring. Supervisor Gary Creed responded that if the design competition does not move forward now Montgomery County may withdraw their approval of the process. He asked what would be needed to move the process forward.

Ms. Dunay explained that jury selection will begin once the contract between the Town, the County, and Dunay Architects has been signed.

Mr. Lancaster pointed out that the Blacksburg Town Council still needs to approve moving forward with the competition, allocate their share of the cost, and approve a contract. The Board of Supervisors has already adopted a resolution agreeing to the design competition and appropriated their share of the cost. Town Council has a work session scheduled for August 5th and a regular meeting on August 12th. Town Council could give their consensus to move forward and have their first reading on their August 12th agenda. The second reading and consideration of the contract would be in September.

The committee agreed that a meeting should be held after the Town Council's August 12th meeting in order to provide an update on where the design competition project stands.

Mr. Lancaster reported that Tom Sherman, Blacksburg Town Council member, will replace him on the OBMS Transition Committee. He asked that the OBMS Transition Committee structure be listed as an agenda item for the next OBMS meeting.

Next Meeting Date

By consensus of the OBMS Transition Committee, the next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.**

Adjournment

On a motion by Gary Creed, seconded by Kathryn Albright and carried unanimously, the OBMS Transition Committee adjourned to Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Approved: _____

Paul Lancaster
Chairman

Attest: _____

Judy Kiser
Recording Secretary

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